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MESSAGE

Rockford Police Seeking Applicants for Police Officer Positions

The Rockford Police Department began accepting applications today for the position of police officer. The department is seeking qualified individuals who will be committed to providing high-quality police service as a member of our accredited police agency.

The department currently has 11 police officer position openings, in part due to a Community Oriented Policing grant made available by the United States Department of Justice C.O.P.S. office. This funding will allow the department to continue its focus on Community Policing initiatives.

The Rockford Police Department offers a competitive wage and benefits package which includes a starting salary of \$45,631 with health and dental insurance and pension plan.

An initial application can be accessed at www.JoinTheHeroes.com, along with testing process information. Applications will be accepted through March 9, 2012, at 5 p.m.

Qualifications for the Position of Police Officer Include:

- Applicants must be 21-34 years of age upon appointment. Exceptions apply for U.S. veterans and those with prior police experience.
- Applicants must have a valid Illinois drivers license.

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- Vision must be correctable to 20/20 in each eye.
- Employees must live in Winnebago County or within fifteen (15) miles of the Public Safety Building within six (6) months of the conclusion of their probationary period. The probationary period is eighteen (18) months unless extended by the Board for performance reasons.
- No convictions of felony charges are allowed. Some misdemeanor convictions can also be disqualifying events. A complete list can be found at www.JoinTheHeroes.com.
- A high school diploma (or its equivalent) is required.

Applicants will be required to submit to a rigorous testing process which includes a written examination, physical agility examination, a polygraph examination, which includes a written survey, a psychological examination and an oral interview. An eligibility list will be established based on examination scores.

Questions may be referred to Deputy Chief Michael Booker of the Administrative Services Bureau at (815)987-5839.

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